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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY GOG OFFICIALS

1. OVER PAST TWO MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS  
INDICATIONS THAT OCTRA DIRECTOR CHARLES TSIBA PLANS TO  
VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN JULY. NOW SOROS ASSOCIATES

ADVISES THAT DIRECTOR OF PORTS DAMAS MAY ACCOMPANY TSIBA  
ON THIS VISIT.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED VERIFY PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND REPORT  
DETAILS OF WHATEVER TRAVEL THESE GOG OFFICIALS ARE  
PLANNING TO U.S. THIS SUMMER -- PARTICULARLY NAMES OF  
PROSPECTIVE TRAVELERS, DATES OF TRAVEL, CITIES, HOTELS,  
SPECIFIC INTERESTS OR OBJECTIVES.

3. FYI: SOROS ASSOCIATES WILL HAVE PRELIMINARY REPORT  
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ON SANTA CLARA PORT PROJECT READY FOR PRESENTATION TO

DAMAS NEAR END OF JULY AND WOULD LIKE TO DO SO IN NEW YORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION IF HE WILL BE IN U.S. AROUND THAT DATE, RATHER THAN SEND PROJECT MANAGER TO LIBREVILLE FOR PRESENTATION. ALSO, DAMAS VISIT WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR

FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH BROWN AND ROOT. B AND R MAY LIKE TO ROLL OUT RED CARPET FOR HIM IN HOUSTON, WHERE HE CAN SEE FIRM'S IMPRESSIVE FACILITIES AND MODELS OF ITS NUMEROUS LARGE PROJECTS. B AND R WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH DAMAS IN ANY OTHER U.S. CITY, IF MORE CONVENIENT FOR HIM. END FYI.

4. WHILE INTEREST IN TSIBA REVOLVES MAINLY AROUND FORTHCOMING PROCUREMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES (HOPEFULLY GENERAL ELECTRIC'S), THERE MAY BE OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS ROLLING STOCK AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES WHERE CONTRACTS HAVE NOT BEEN LET. IN THIS REGARD, U.S. INDUSTRY MAY NOW HAVE CAPACITY AVAILABLE TO BUILD ROLLING STOCK THAT IT LACKED AT TIME OF PREQUALIFYING FOR FIRST AND SECOND SECTIONS TRANSGABON. KISSINGER

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